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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS

and invented by:

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1. Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. Specification having 31 pages and including the following:
 - a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
 - c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
 - d. Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
 - e. Background of the Invention
 - f. Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if drawings filed*)
 - h. Detailed Description
 - i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. Abstract of the Disclosure

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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Computer Program in Microfiche (*Appendix*)
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Accompanying Application Parts

8. Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & document(s)*)
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15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
 Certified Copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-001397, Filed 1/6/99

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CLAIMS AS FILED

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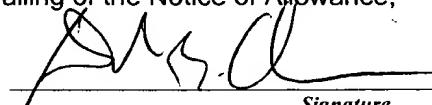
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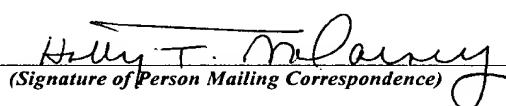
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